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AutumnFest at the Greenville State Farmers Market

COLUMBIA, SC – The Greenville State Farmers Market invites all veteran and would-be gardeners to mark September 26-28, 2008 on the calendar for the 8th annual AutumnFest, the Upstate's premier fall festival.

The three-day event will feature locally grown and seasonal produce as well as plants and flowers. Vendors will be on hand with fall garden favorites such as hardy pansies, snap dragons, mums and ornamental cabbage. In addition, pumpkins, ornamental corn, and other decorative items will be available for holiday displays.

"We encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of a variety of plants, flowers, and garden supplies as well as gardening ideas for fall," said Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture. He added, "Don't forget the farm fresh products and seasonal produce. You can find Certified SC Grown products almost year round at the State Farmers Markets. Nothing's fresher. Nothing's finer."

AutumnFest will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 26-27, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenville State Farmers Market, 1354 Rutherford Road in Greenville. Parking and admission are free.

For more information about AutumnFest, call Ardonia Summerall, 864-244-4023.

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